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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6844

BILL NUMBER: SB 199

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Unlawful Facilitation of Adoption Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ GENERAL
☒ DEDICATED
☐ FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill makes the provision, engagement, or facilitation of adoption services by persons other than those specified a Class A misdemeanor.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill makes unauthorized adoption facilitation a Class A misdemeanor. Under the bill, unauthorized adoption facilitation is committed when a person knowingly or intentionally provides, engages in, or facilitates adoption services to a birth parent or prospective parent who resides in Indiana.

Penalty Provision: If additional court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) would increase. The maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$5,000. However, any additional revenue would likely be small.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Penalty Provision:* A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in jail.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions occur and a guilty verdict is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any change in revenue would likely be small.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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